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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

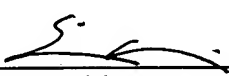
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Sir:

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of April 16, 2004, Applicant hereby elects without traverse Species I, as shown in Figures 1A-1D. Claims 1-10 and 17-26 read on the elected species. It is noted that claim 1, which reads on the elected species, does not require that the crystallization proceed laterally as asserted in the Official Action and it is not believed that the elected species is so limited.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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